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Modernisation of Indian Air Force
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been reduction in budget allocation to Air Force despite the demand for projects under 'new schemes' resulting in slower modernization process of Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the projects that have been delayed due to funds crunch and have been put on hold for the same;

(c) whether funds crunch is impacting the critical Air Forces needs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government for modernization of Indian Air Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) to (d): No, Madam. The Budgetary allocation at BE stage for Capital Acquisition during the financial year 2017-18 including 'new schemes' is Rs.30899.90 Crore as against a BE of Rs.27556.02 Crore during 2016-17. The modernisation of the Defence services is a continuous process and no project has been put on hold for want of funds.
In order to meet IAF's requirement, 24 Capital Procurement Contracts have been signed in the last two financial years. The planned inductions include Light Combat Aircraft and Rafale aircraft, Attack Helicopters, Heavy Lift Helicopter and Medium Lift Helicopters. IAF is also enhancing its combat potential with procurement of combat support elements viz., Additional Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS), Air Defence Radars, Short, Medium, Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile System (S-400) and Close in Weapon System (CIWS) in order to provide multi-layered Air Defence cover to the country.
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